serving in the Canteen Stores Department (CSD) and that the employer may frame separate conditions of service of the employees of unit-run-canteens. Accordingly, the service conditions of unit-run-canteens employees have been framed and issued on 28.4.2003.

Rules for posting of Army officers in MES on tenure basis

579. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there exist no comprehensive rules for posting of Army officers in MES on tenure basis; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a also a fact that two civilian officers in MES in the scale of Rs. 22,400-24,500 are designated as Additional D.G while an Army officer in the scale of Rs. 18,400-22,400 has been designated as Director General; if so, the reasons for such discrepancy; and

(c) to what extent recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission have been followed so far as the seniority as per pay scale is concerned?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir. Army officers are posted to Military Engineer Service (MES) in accordance with provisions of Statutory Rules and Orders (SRO) 19E which provides that "The Military Engineer Services comprise of officers, Junior Commissioned Officers and Other Ranks of the Corps of Engineers and Civilian personnel".

(b) Yes, Sir. There does not exist any discrepancy. The posts of Director General Works, Additional Director General (Design and Consultancy) and Additional Director General (Ordnance Factories and Defence Research and Development Organisation) are all independent of each-other for functioning and reporting and are under the Engineer-in-Chief.

(c) Fifth Central Pay Commission has stated that "the senior most civilian officer who is Additional Director General, in the pay scale of Rs. 7,300-7,600 is reporting to the Director General who is military officer of the rank of Major General in the pay scale of Rs. 5,900-6,700". The Government removed the anomaly by issue of orders to the effect that senior most civilian officer in the pay scale of Rs. 7,300-7,600 would be designated as Director General (Personnel) and would report to the Engineer-in-Chief.